**UCU NEC Election Candidates**

Dear member

I am writing because elections for UCU NEC are currently open. Ballots will arrive by post to your nominated address (usually work or home) and are open until the 3rd March.

**UCU NEC make decisions for the union on how to follow policy and on what action the union should take so it is really important that all members are able to engage in the process and get their voice heard.**

I am currently standing for a UCU women's HE seat and would be very grateful if you could take a look at the following link showing endorsements and my election address. I believe that equality belongs at the centre of our union, and that union representatives must be transparent about their voting. I believe that our union is as strong as our democracy and our member engagement and these must be a key focus in how we build a UCU for the new decade and beyond.

<https://100milesfromthesea.wordpress.com/>  
Whilst I am standing for an HE seat, this seat along with all equality seats is elected by all members including members in FE, ACE and prisons as well as HE, so **whoever you vote for, please use your vote.** The same is also true of the Vice President position which this year comes from the FE sector. I am supporting **Margot Hill for Vice President** as I have seen her work hard mobilising members to defend education over a long period of attack, and because she has a proven history of supporting marginalised workers and students and promoting democratic equality structures in our union. You can read about Margot's campaign at: <http://margot4vpucu.com/>

Thank you for all the work you do for our education system and for our union

Rhiannon Lockley, branch secretary UCU